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Madrid, September 25. N. S.

ON the 23d the Queen was deliver'd of a Prince, who was immediately Baptiz'd by the Name of Ferdinand. In the Evening Illuminations were made throughout the whole City, and the King upon this occaſion has given the Duke d'Arcos leave to return to Court from his Baniſhment. His Majeſty has demanded a Free Gift of all his Subjects, to carry on the War againſt the Catalans. One hundred Piſtoles is expected from each of the Grandees, Fifty from each Count and Marquis, and every other Perſon that has no Employment, is to pay Ten Ryals of Vellon. The Duke d'Albuquerque has refuſed to pay the Sum of Five hundred thouſand Crowns demanded of him by this Court, unleſs he is made Preſident of the Council of the Indies; whereupon he is baniſhed to Segovia, Fourteen Leagues diſtant from this Place, and it is ſaid he will be proſecuted for the Miſdemeanors he committed during his Government of New Spain. The Marquis de Mari has agreed to furniſh the King with Three Men of War, which he is to command as Vice-Admiral, and they are to be paid Fifteen thouſand Crowns a Month, upon their arrival at Tarragona or Alicant. We have receiv'd advice from the Camp before Barcelona, that the Catalans having Fortify'd the Convent Sancta Madrona, the Duke de Popoli had cauſed a Battery to be raiſed, in order to ruin their Works, and attack'd the Place with the Grenadiers of his Army, who made themſelves Maſters of it after a ſmall Reſiſtance. The Governor of Lerida hath burnt the Village of Pequera, belonging to one of the chief Malecontents, and the Duke de Popoli had done the ſame to ſome Houſes in Arenes, the Inhabitants having ſent Proviſions to Barcelona.

Berlin, Sept. 30. N. S. On the 25th, the King in Council declared Count Alexander Dhona Field Marſhal, and there are now five Officers of that Rank. The next Day his Majeſty went with the Prince of Anhalt to Goltz, which being but a few Miles diſtant from the Muſcovite Camp, it is thought he will go thither Incognito to ſee the Works before Stetin. Beſides Fort Star, which the Muſcovites took lately by Storm, they are likewiſe in Poſſeſſion of Fort Dam, which General Meyerfeldt thought fit to abandon, finding he had not Troops enough to maintain it. On the 22d the Beſiegers began to Play from their Batteries, and they daily throw a great number of Bombs into the Place. Seventeen Peices of Braſs Cannon are arrived here from Meurs, and have been laid up in the Arſenal.

Hamburg, October 3. N. S. The contagious Diſtemper begins to abate in this City. The number of thoſe that died laſt Week amounted to no more than Seven hundred forty four, which is conſiderably leſs than that of the Week before. On the 23d paſt, there was a Conference at Gottorp, between the Daniſh and Holſtein Miniſters. Each Party inſiſted upon receiving Satisfaction from the other: The Danes for the admiſſion of their Enemies into Tonningen, and the Holſteiners for the Devaſtations made in their Country. Upon which they broke up without coming to any Concluſion. Baron Goertz has ſince obtained leave to ſend Proviſions for eight Days into Tonningen: He likewiſe deſired to know of Monſieur Wibe, whether the King of Denmark might not be prevailed on to ſuffer the Troops of Pruſſia and Hanover to enter into that Place, during the time of the Conferences. Monſieur Wibe return'd anſwer, that his Majeſty would never conſent to it, and that ſuch a Demand would provoke him very much, and render the Conduct of Holſtein ſuſpected. Notwithſtanding the Duke of Mecklenbourg has publiſh'd a ſevere Order, forbidding his Subjects from paying Contributions to the Muſcovites, the Nobility of his Country have agreed with General Buck for a Sum of Mony, of which the Governor of Wiſmar being inform'd, has demanded the like Sum of them. The Muſcovites have already begun to Bombard Stetin with eight Mortars, and are preparing to Storm the Place, before they make a Breach, flattering themſelves that they ſhall take it at the firſt Onſet, ſince the Garriſon is not numerous enough to defend it. We have received Advice from Warſaw, that an Expreſs was arrived there from the Poliſh Ambaſſador at Adrianople with an Account, that the Grand Signior had declared he would inviolably obſerve the Treaty of Carlowitz. Upon this Declaration the King of Sweden, who was recover'd of his Indiſpoſition, had ſhut himſelf up in his Apartment, and ſuffer'd very few Perſons to come near him. The Turks were very preſſing with his Majeſty for payment of the Money they had lent him, and he promiſed they ſhould receive the Value of it very ſoon in Copper and Iron. It is ſaid he has now fixed on a time for his Departure out of the Ottoman Territories. King Auguſtus has ſince received a Confirmation of this Account, upon which the Saxon Troops that were upon their March towards Sendomir to oppoſe the Deſigns of the Turks, are order'd to go back to their Winter Quarters, and the Privy-Counſellors whom King Auguſtus had ſent for from Dreſden, are likewiſe to return home.

Hanover, October 3. N. S. His Electoral Highneſs intends to ſet out next Week for Gohre, where he will ſtay two Months. They write from Gottorp that the King of Denmark had refus'd to give an Audience to Baron Goertz, till he ſhould deliver in Writing what Conditions the Adminiſtrator of Holſtein, his Maſter, would inſiſt upon for the Evacuation of that Dutchy. But Monſieur Goertz having not yet complied in this Matter, he was not admitted to the Conferences that were held upon this Subject between, the Miniſters of Denmark, Pruſſia and Hanover. It is ſaid the Garriſon of Tonningen is reduced to the laſt Extremity, and that the Soldiers deſert from thence in great numbers. We hear from the Imperial Army on the Upper Rhine, that Mareſchal Villars having paſſed that River in two different Places, had forced the Entrenchments of General Vaubonne, who retired with Precipitation, after he had thrown ſome Troops into Fribourg. That Place is now inveſted, and Prince Eugene is marching with his whole Army to Succour it, but it's thought he will hardly be able to prevent the Siege. Letters from Adrianople confirm the Impriſonment of King Stanillaus at Bender.

Utrecht, October 6. N. S. Count Tarouca, Plenipotentiary of the King of Portugal, is returned hither from the Hague, as are likewiſe ſeveral of the Dutch Miniſters, who have been often in Conference with thoſe of Spain, in order to ſettle the remaining Difficulties in the Treaty of Peace between his Cathe-